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For: **PUSH/PULL CLIP FEED CONFIGURATION FOR SELECTIVELY DELIVERING
OR WITHDRAWING A CLIP TO ALLOW OUTPUT OF ONE CLIP ALONE OR
TWO CLIPS CONCURRENTLY AND ASSOCIATED DEVICES, METHODS,
SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS**

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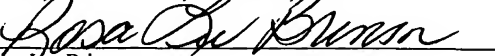
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